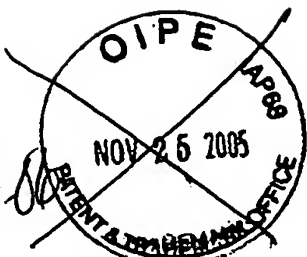


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In re Application of:

Hans Rudolf Mueller *et al.* : Group Art Unit: 1624

Serial No.: 10/030,692 : Examiner: Mark L. Berch

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF OPTICALLY PURE
TETRAHYDROPTERINS AND DERIVATIVES, AND SPECIFICALLY OF
OPTICALLY PURE TETRAHYDROFOLIC ACID AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF,
BY STEREOSPECIFIC HYDROGENATION

REPLY

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 25, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

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